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AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

The present Amendment is filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE); please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Claims Listing begins on page 2 of this paper. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and prior listings of claims in the application.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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REMARKS:

Claims 1-33 are hereby cancelled and new claims 34-57 are submitted herewith in their place. Care has been taken to avoid adding new matter. Antecedent basis is found in the drawings and specification as originally filed; and more particularly in Figs. 1-4 and the specification at pages 4 and 5.

The new claims are directed to an extension device for articulated vehicles (claims 34-44) as well as an incorporating vehicle with the device (claims 45-55), and then more particularly to an articulated dumper with the device (claims 56-57).

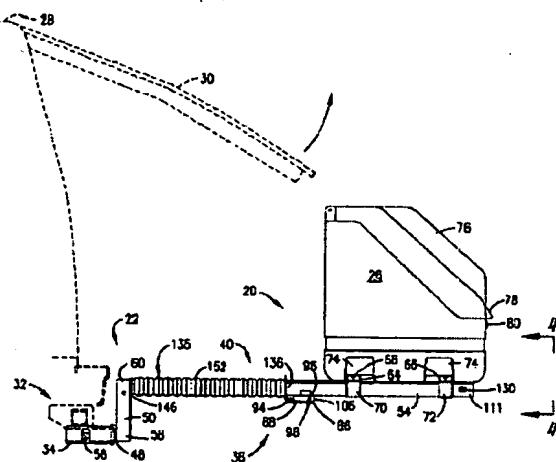
Regarding the most recently cited documents in the prosecution (Official Action dated 19 January 2006), Applicant respectfully points out the following patentable distinctions of the claimed subject matter.

The primary reference, LeMay et al. ('341), is directed toward a conventional hitch-mount cargo box commonly used with "single family passenger vehicle" (column 1, line 13) as depicted below.

United States Patent [19] **LeMay et al.** [11] **Patent Number:** **6,152,341**
[45] **Date of Patent:** **Nov. 28, 2000**

[54] **VEHICLE HITCH MOUNTED CARGO CARRIER**

5,106,002 4/1992 Smith et al.
5,224,636 7/1993 Bounds
5,232,124 8/1993 ...



Cartwright '982 has been cited as an example of a cardan shaft with circular cross section which Applicant does not dispute, but given the points made above regarding the deficiencies of LeMay et al. and Bratlie et al. with which the Office wishes to combine Cartwright '982, Cartwright '982 does not contribute to a viable § 103 combination, particularly in view of Applicant's new claims.

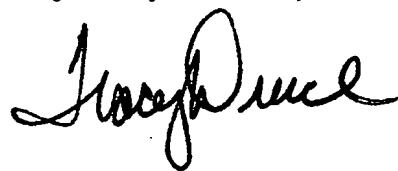
In summary, Applicant respectfully urges the allowance of the presently submitted claims as being supported in the original disclosure, including the accompanying drawings, and being new, novel and patentable in view of the art of record.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, referencing Attorney Docket No.: 7589.342PCUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner may directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion

Respectfully submitted,



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